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Florence darling,

I was so happy to hear from you today! Your letter took a week to reach me - it was written on the 16th. Albert seems to be better, but he is still taking penicillin by mouth. We will see what happens when he stops that. We don't know yet about an operation. I am praying it will be avoided!

I am so glad the penicillin did the job on your sinus infection! Whatever happened to the little girl in Idaho whom we tried to get penicillin for two years ago? Is she still alive? It certainly could be given to her now if she is.

It sounds to me as if you were practically running a summer resort! I am so happy for you that Constance is there, with friend! I think how beautiful it is and wish we could come, but it would be too dangerous with Albert not knowing about his health, and the travel situation as you describe it.

We are sending you the additional cancer pamphlets under separate cover. Do let me know when Dan arrives what all the dope is on the clinic or hospital set-up, and who gave the land and the \$100,000.

I am sending you the Times article by Pepper. It was read into the Congressional Record, and we will try to get some copies. Today, Kilgore, Senator Johnson, and Pepper introduced a bill for a National Research Foundation which will include all types of scientific research. Twenty percent of the money is to be used for medical research. This is based on the Bush report, which I will send you later. Pepper made a fine statement in the Senate today (or he was supposed to), based on all our dope. The hearings will probably be in October, so we will have to plan to go. I don't think it will do as much for medical research as an independent Medical Research Commission would do, but there seemed to be support and interest in its being done this way, and Pepper promised if it doesn't go through this way, he will introduce an independent medical research bill later.

I think it's a shame about Ballard's leaving the paper. I really think it was the most exciting thing being done in the newspaper world, because she had so much influence in the community.

Apropos of influence, the uproar that Deutsch made in PM certainly resulted in getting General Hines out of the Veterans Administration. A good job! I pray that General Bradley will be omniscient in the need for medical and psychiatric research and training in the Veterans Administration. If he is, it could revolutionize civilian medicine, as they have such big units and so much money that they could set a pace for the rest of the country to follow.

I certainly agree that Royal and Trammell would be quite startled by Mr. Wylie and his views ala Generation of Vipers!

I just finished a book on Caruso which I found quite touching. I will send it to you; also the Gertie Lawrence book and another book that I thought most interesting - Home to India.

When do you think you may be leaving camp? Do let me know when you may arrive! I will send you some more things soon. Best love to you, angel, and to Dan and the boys. Tell the boys to be sure to go around and visit with their future constituents because we are counting on a Mahoney in the Senate from Idaho!